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SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
After Action
REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2003

Morgan Hill Civic Center
Council Chambers
17555 Peak Avenue

Senior Advisory Committee

Chair	Marilyn Gadway
Vice-Chair	William Keig
Committee Member	Kenneth Mort
Committee Member	John Bautista
Committee Member	Sharon Leonard
Committee Member	Gloria Subocz
Committee Member	Vacant

Parks & Recreation Commissioner Craig Van Keulen

1:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gadway called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Absent: Committee Members Bautista and Subocz

DECLARATION OF POSTING THE AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE

Pledge was led by Committee Member Leonard

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

A member of the public stated the time of the meeting in the calendar distributed to City residents was incorrect. The time is noted as 2:00 p.m. rather than 1:30 p.m

VERBAL REPORTS

YMCA SENIOR PROGRAM MONTHLY UPDATE

Carol Wood

Carol Wood, Senior Program Coordinator, reported the YMCA held a holiday party in December. The party was a success and all who attended enjoyed themselves. The party goers enjoyed singing, dancing and gift giveaways. Everyone was able to take home a small gift. Chair Gadway asked which organizations or businesses donated the gifts. Ms. Wood replied that a YMCA staff member donated some of the gifts and Safeway donated gift certificates. El Toro Youth Center received the left over Lunch Bags, which were given as gifts to some of the seniors. Ms. Wood reported they will have another party in February.

Ms. Wood stated they have not identified a replacement for Val Montarbo, but they did have 2 applicants for the position. A representative from the National Council on Aging is going to meet with staff from the YMCA to finalize the selection the applicant.

Committee Member Leonard stated she received positive feedback on the holiday party at the Senior Center.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Staff Balagso

Staff Balagso reported the Parks and Recreation Commission did not meet during the month of December.

COA ADVISORY COMMISSION

Representative Tougas

None

CAG MEETING REVIEW

Committee Member Bautista

Committee Member Bautista was not able to attend the meeting. Carol Wood of the YMCA provided a brief report on the CAG meeting. She reported the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library will begin a program at the Senior Center to loan books to interested seniors. The Friends will provide this service in the Manzanita Room of the Senior Center. She also reported the Manzanita Room will be rearranged in order to accommodate two computers. The Manzanita Room will also serve as a resource band for information on senior services and programs. Marie Skinner from CAG will visit the Senior Center on a regular basis to provide information on CAG and services available through CAG for seniors in Morgan Hill.

Ms. Wood reported CAG is planning a Senior Resource Fair to be held at the Grange. There will be representatives from various organizations and program which serve seniors on hand to provide information. Chair Gadway indicated she liked the idea of holding the Senior Fair at the Grange. She stated this would be a central and independent location that would attract seniors from

throughout the community, not only those who attend the programming at the Senior Center. Ms. Wood also stated the Senior Newsletter is being included in the Brown Bag.

Staff Balagso stated that she received a request at the December CAG meeting to hold a Senior Advisory Committee meeting at the Senior Center. Chair Gadway responded meetings had been held at the Center and she would like to explore holding a meeting there again. She indicated she would like to consider holding one or two meetings a year at the Senior Center. Ms. Wood stated she would check the schedule and let Staff Balagso know a good time to hold the meeting at the Senior Center.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2002

Vice-Chair Keig motioned to approve the minutes. Committee Member Mort seconded the motion. Minutes approved (4:0)

Vice-Chair Keig asked if this would be the appropriate time to put forth a motion to develop an oral history project for use in the Library Grant Project and as a community resource. Vice-Chair Keig stated there are many members of the community, especially the senior community, who would be knowledgeable of the history of Morgan Hill and would be happy to help. Chair Gadway stated he could put forth the motion. Vice-Chair Keig motioned to approve the recommendation below:

“The Senior Advisory Committee recommends an oral history of Morgan Hill be developed for use in the Library Grant Project and as a resource to the entire community.”

Committee Member Mort seconded the motion. Motion approved (4:0)

Chair Gadway stated now that the Committee had approved the motion, a person to lead the project needed to be identified. Chair Gadway stated the project could be beneficial to the community outside the scope of the library grant. She asked Vice-Chair Keig if he would be interested in taking on this project. Vice-Chair Keig responded that he would be willing to lead this project. Chair Gadway appointed Vice-Chair Keig to lead the project. Chair Gadway stated another resource could be the Morgan Hill Historical Society. Chair Gadway is a member of the Society and will look into who possible resources and/or volunteers.

BUSINESS

2. LIBRARY GRANT APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW LIBRARY IN MORGAN HILL

Recommended Action: Information Item. Staff to ask Committee Members for ideas and information on ways Morgan Hill Public Library can better serve the Senior Community.

Staff Balagso reported to the Senior Advisory Committee again that Morgan Hill was not successful in Cycle I of the library grant application to the State of California for the construction of a new library. She indicated the City of Morgan Hill will be submitting another application on March 28, 2003 for Cycle II of the grant program. Ms. Balagso stated that although the first application included all information requested in the grant guidelines, it did not include information on programs

and services to different segments of the Morgan Hill community, specifically youth, seniors, disabled persons and non-English speaking residents of Morgan Hill. She asked the Committee for ideas and input that might strengthen the application as it pertains to outreach and services to the senior community by the public library.

Chair Gadway stated that while in college at San Jose State University, she was familiar with a program sponsored by San Jose Public Library that delivered books to seniors who were homebound and could not get to the library. She stated that many San Jose State students served as volunteers for the program. The program was successful because it not only provided seniors with books, but also enabled homebound seniors to have contact with volunteers from the community. Staff Balagso indicated she would contact the San Jose Public Library to determine if the program was still in existence.

Committee Member Leonard stated she was familiar with a program in which volunteers could work at schools one-on-one with students to work on reading skills. Seniors would do well as volunteers for such a program. Chair Gadway stated that this is an example of why the future Indoor Community Recreation Center, with the senior and youth wings, would be important in order to promote inter-generational activities between youth and seniors. Committee Member Leonard also referred to the Reading Program at P.A. Walsh School. She stated that “grandparents” read with students after school. Chair Gadway and Vice-Chair Keig stated the contact for that program is Dottie Knopf. Staff Balagso is going to get the contact information for Ms. Knopf from Chair Gadway in order to learn more about the program. Committee Member Leonard also provided general information about the Reading Program in Gilroy. Staff Balagso will contact the Reading Program to learn more about the program.

Chair Gadway asked if the library had an adequate senior section with books with large print. Staff Balagso indicated that she would be meeting with Sarah Flowers, the Community Librarian, and would find out the extent of the collection of large print books etc. Carol Wood stated that she had seen a large print magnifier that would be helpful to seniors if books were not in large print.

Vice-Chair Keig stated he was uncomfortable that the Aquatics Center was placed in front of the Indoor Community Recreation Center and other projects he felt would benefit the community. He asked if the funds set aside for the Aquatics Center could be transferred to the Indoor Community Recreation Center or the Library. Chair Gadway responded funds have already been allocated by the City Council and it is probably too late to change the funding.

She also stated that if the City is not successful in receiving a grant to build a new library, it would be prudent to look at other options. Staff Balagso stated that two of the options might be

1) initiating a bond in order to raise funds for the construction of the library and 2) using the \$7.6 million reserved by City Council for the library to expand the renovate the existing library.

3. REVIEW OF SENIOR DAY – DECEMBER 12, 2002

Recommended Action: Information Only. Senior Advisory Committee members to Provide feedback and review of Senior Day activities.

Chair Gadway asked for feedback and comments from members of the Committee on the activities that took place on Senior Day – December 12, 2002 during the Community and Cultural Center Grand Opening Week Celebration. Committee Member Mort stated he felt the event was a success.

Committee Member Leonard, who served as Co-Chair of the event, stated she felt pleased the event attracted seniors from throughout the community. Chair Gadway thanked Committee Member Leonard for her hard work to plan and coordinate the event. Vice-Chair Keig asked how many people were in attendance and Committee Member Leonard responded approximately 150. Chair Gadway then thanked Vice-Chair Keig for his work to develop to the foundation for the activities for the day. Committee Member Leonard thanked Vice-Chair Keig too. She also stated she felt all seniors who attended enjoyed the event.

Chair Gadway stated she took two groups on a tour of the facility and she heard only positive feedback with the exception of the color of buildings. She also stated that the event promoted a feeling of camaraderie among those who attended. Carol Wood stated that fewer than 50 seniors were transported from the Senior Center to the Community and Cultural Center. The remainder of the attendees were from the greater community.

Committee Member Mort stated the acoustics in the Multi-Purpose Room were good. He stated he has a strong knowledge of sound and was pleased with the design of the room and acoustics.

Chair Gadway asked Staff Balagso if Certificates of Appreciation could be sent to the Co-Chairs of the event. Staff Balagso indicated that she would take of the certificates.

4. USE OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER BY SENIOR GROUPS AND/OR ORGANIZATIONS

Recommended Action: Information Item. Staff to provide information on senior groups and/or organizations planning to use the Community and Cultural Center.

Staff Balagso reported that at this time, only the Flower Lovers Club was scheduled to use the Community and Cultural Center on a regular basis. Staff Balagso indicated that the facility was built in order to generate revenue for the City and that many non-profit organizations are choosing not to use the facility due to the cost involved. Chair Gadway stated she heard from members of the community that the Flower Lover's Club does not have to pay for use of the facility. Staff Balagso indicated that this was correct. Chair Gadway stated there might be a false impression in the community that the Flower Lovers Club is receiving special treatment from the City. She explained the Flower Lovers Club had been "grandfathered" in due to a pre-existing agreement with the City. Committee Member Mort indicated he thought the Flower Lovers Club donated land or a building to the City in exchange for use of a facility for the Flower Lovers Club. Chair Gadway stated it would be beneficial to the City to make this agreement known to the community through an article in the paper so that other groups would know why the Flower Lovers Club is allowed to use the facility. Staff Balagso indicated she would get more information on this and work on developing an article for the paper.

5. COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE GRAND OPENING

Recommended Action: Information Item. Staff to provide information on schedule of events for Grand Opening of Community of Playhouse and schedule of planned performances.

Staff Balagso announced the Grand Opening Gala of the Community Playhouse would be held on January 31st. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be at 6:30 p.m. and the Grand Opening

Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. Members of the San Jose Opera and San Francisco Ballet will perform in addition to the South Valley Civic Theater.

Chair Gadway asked about the chair donation program for the Playhouse. Staff Balagso indicated she believes it is will begin soon and will provide Chair Gadway with information.

6. CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE – SANTA CLARA COUNTY NEWS

Recommended Action: Information Only. Hand out monthly legislative update from California Senior Legislature.

Staff Balagso provided the Santa Clara County News to the members of the Senior Advisory Committee in their agenda packets. Staff Balagso also provided a brief description of AP21-Adult Day Care Certification. This proposal has not yet been adopted by a member of the California Legislature. This proposal creates a pilot program which requires both management and direct care staff of adult day care programs to receive certification which would include first aid and emergency response and education in working with the senior population.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT to the next monthly meeting schedule on **February 4, 2003** in City Council Chambers.

Vice-Chair Keig moved to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Leonard seconded the motion. Motion approved (4:0)